

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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Under **current law**, in general, a person who operates a fish farm must annually obtain a health certificate for any fish eggs present or fish reared on the farm.

Assembly Bill 361 repeals the requirement for an annual fish health certificate and instead authorizes the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to promulgate rules applicable to fish farm operators that require any evidence of fish health that the DATCP determines is necessary.

Assembly Amendment 1 specifies that the DATCP must develop any rules regarding evidence of fish health in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). It also specifies that the fish farms to which the rules would apply include state-operated facilities, i.e., DNR fish hatcheries.

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